

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATHENS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ESTEBAN HERNANDEZ,

*Defendant.*

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.  
3:24-cr-00012-TES-CHW-2

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL  
IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE

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Before the Court is Defendant Esteban Hernandez's Motion to Continue Trial [Doc. 77]. On April 9, 2024, the Government obtained an indictment charging Defendant with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl,<sup>1</sup> Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl,<sup>2</sup> and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.<sup>3</sup> [Doc. 1]. Defendant entered a plea of not guilty on December 17, 2024. [Doc. 58].

Defendant seeks a continuance to allow his counsel to continue negotiations for a possible resolution in this matter. [Doc. 77, p. 1]. So as to avoid a miscarriage of justice, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 77], and **CONTINUES** this case to the Court's May term—beginning on May 27, 2025. *See* 18 U.S.C. §

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<sup>1</sup> In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 *in connection with* § 541(a)(1) & (b)(1)(C).

<sup>2</sup> In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 *in connection with* § 541(a)(1) & (b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

<sup>3</sup> In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2; 924(c)(1)(A).

3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial and are in accordance with the considerations required under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) for excusable delay.

**SO ORDERED**, this 17th day of March, 2025.

*S/ Tilman E. Self, III*

**TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**